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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMERCE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN WITT**, on January 12, 1999 at
8:01 A.M., in Room 201 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. John Witt, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom Keating, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. William Crismore (R)
Rep. Dick Haines (R)
Sen. Linda Nelson (D)
Rep. Joe Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Summer Alger, Committee Secretary
Roger Lloyd, Legislative Branch
Doug Schmitz, OBPP

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearings: HB 2 - DNRC Budget Requests, 1/30/1999
Executive Action: HB 2 - Library Budget; HB 2 - Library
Funding from Coal Tax \$ in Base Budget;
HB 2 - DNRC Budget Requests

Library Budget Funding from Coal Tax

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Rep. Witt asked for a motion to make a recommendation to the
House Appropriations subcommittee on Education on the library
budget.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - LIBRARY BUDGET

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Discussion: Sen. Keating discusses with a dissenting opinion. He is not comfortable with it because he does not believe that there is that much demand for it in small communities. Sen. Crismore and Sen. Nelson commented on behalf of the library Internet service, while Rep. Haines commented in agreement with Sen. Keating.

Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON moved to RECOMMEND TO THE HOUSE APPROP. SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION THAT THEY APPROVE THE STATE LIBRARY REQUEST FOR COAL TAX FUNDING. SECONDED by REP. HAINES. Motion failed 3-3 with Crismore, Tropila, and Nelson voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - LIBRARY BASE BUDGET

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Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved to RECOMMEND TO THE HOUSE APPROP. SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO APPROVE THE STATE LIBRARY BUDGET FOR COAL TAX SPENDING AT THE BASE AMOUNT. SECONDED by SEN. CRISMORE. Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING ON HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET

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Roger Lloyd commented on page C-132 of the Legislative Budget Analysis 2001 Biennium: Agency Budgets, Vol. 1, January 1999, LFD for a discussion of the program budget, program description, funding, and Table 8. He then moved on to C-133 to discuss the table of present law adjustments being requested.

**The Legislative Budget Analysis (LBA) 2001 budget book will not be referred to as an exhibit, however, budget information from other sources will be noted as exhibits.*

DNRC Presentation On Trust Land Mgmt Division:

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Jeff Hagenar, Administrator, Trust Land Management Div., DNRC, gave the overview presentation for his division, while following a large packet of reproduced overheads he passed out to the committee.

EXHIBIT(jnh00a01)

Sen. Keating commented on royalties from oil & gas.

Roger Lloyd went into discussion of **C-133** of the LBA 2001 budget book, then **Doug Schmitz** handed out and commented on a sheet about vacancy savings.

EXHIBIT(jnh00a02)

Mr. Hagenar proceeded into discussion of the present law adjustments (1-410) on **C-133** of the LBA 2001 budget book.

Break {Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3.7}

Some Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Sen. Keating questioned **Jeff Hagenar** on MEPA and its impacts on the division and followed up by asking to what extent their operation is impeded by objections from outsiders. **Director Bud Clinch** jumped in and commented on current litigation.

Rep. Haines commented on and questioned the Middle Soup Timber Sale and if the DNRC were working with potential litigants prior to beginning any transactions.

Rep. Tropila asked **Roger Lloyd** to comment on the LFD potential unconstitutional issue. He then asked **Director Clinch** if the \$41 million check to MT public schools they showed was exact or if was more/less. **Director Clinch** replied to that question and **Jeff Hagenar** responded to the LFD unconstitutional issue.

Sen. Crismore questioned **Mr. Hagenar** on FTE's/vacancy savings with **Doug Schmitz** jumping in for increased clarification.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 - DNRC BUDGET - TRUST LAND MGMT DIV

Present Law Adjustments:

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Motion/Vote: **SEN. KEATING** moved that **DP 24 & DP 27 BE ADOPTED.**
SECONDED by **SEN. CRISMORE.** Motion carried unanimously.

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Motion/Vote: SEN. NELSON moved that DP 405 & DP 406 BE ADOPTED.
SECONDED by SEN. KEATING. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CRISMORE moved that the "EXISTING WORK LOAD
INCREASE" BE ADOPTED. SECONDED by SEN. KEATING. Motion carried
unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. KEATING moved that DP 408 BE ADOPTED AS OTO.
SECONDED by REP. TROPILA. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion/Vote: SEN. CRISMORE moved that DP 409 & DP 410 BE
ADOPTED. SECONDED by SEN. NELSON. Motion carried unanimously.

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31.4}

New Proposals:

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Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 37.2}

Discussion began with DP 15 and **Roger Lloyd's** comments on the LFD
issue facing this proposal on C-136. **Sen. Keating, Rep. Tropila,**
Chairman Witt, and **Sen. Nelson** had a long conversation about GIS.
Sen. Nelson does not like the idea of obligating future
Legislatures and **Mr. Lloyd** commented.

The committee moved on to DP 411, in which **Jeff Hagenar** asked for
2 FTE's. **Rep.'s Tropila** and **Haines,** along with **Sen.'s Keating** and
Crismore, delved into a question and answer discussion with **Mr.**
Hagenar before closing on the subject.

Roger Lloyd passed out FWP Capitol grounds ft² rates and a
revamped CI-75 subcommittee option flow chart.
EXHIBIT(jnh00a03) & **EXHIBIT(jnh00a04)** respectively.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:53 A.M.

REP. JOHN WITT, Chairman

SUMMER ALGER, Secretary

JW/SA

EXHIBIT (jnh00aad)